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Applicant: Gregory D. PLOWMAN et al.
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This amendment is supplemental to the preliminary amendment filed January 13, 2003. Applicants enclose a declaration of one of the inventors, Dr. Douglas Clary, with supporting scientific publications. This declaration is provided to support applicants' arguments against the rejections made by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and 112, first paragraph and support applicants' position that the pending claims possess utility and are enabled as argued in the preliminary amendment filed on January 13, 2003.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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